MESSAGE FROM THE MAINE PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM July 22, 2021

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ

To all Maine pharmacies,

It has been brought to our attention that a significant number of fraudulent prescriptions have been sent by fax to pharmacies across the state. These prescriptions are for Promethazine-Codeine Syrup and are often accompanied by a prescription for Amoxicillin.

In some cases, the individuals have declined the antibiotics and only received the syrup. Additionally, in some cases these prescriptions have been purchased using a discount card.

If any pharmacies have received prescriptions identical or similar to those described, we ask that all due diligence be exercised to confirm that the prescriptions are legitimate or not.

This means that the prescribing providers should be contacted to confirm legitimacy.

BE WARNED – the telephone numbers provided on the prescription forms is likely going to someone who is NOT employed by the provider or practice. The individuals answering the phones have identified themselves as employees of the providers, which they are not.

When contacting providers, use established telephone numbers to contact providers- either numbers on record or available on a web search. DO NOT CALL THE NUMBERS PROVIDED ON THE PRESCRIPTION FORMS. Thank you!

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